



MINUTES OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2005

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DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2005
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave., Third Floor, Room 360
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jay Ingram, Vice Chair Jo Kahuanui, Commissioners Christine Johnson, Georg Oliver, and Bruce Reeves

Staff: Suzanne Ota, Recreation & Parks Director
Dale Lillard, Recreation Services Manager (RSM)
Fred Framsted, Recreation Supervisor (RS)

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of December 9, 2004 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

M/S/C REEVES/JOHNSON (approved)

“That the Minutes of December 9, 2004 be approved with the addition that the cell tower container should be reduced in height.” (on page 2, paragraph 7)

In Favor (4) – Ingram, Johnson, Oliver, Reeves

Absent (0) –

Abstention (1) – Kahuanui

Approve Minutes of January 13, 2005 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting.

M/S/C JOHNSON/KAHUANUI (unanimously approved)

“That the Minutes of January 13, 2005 be approved.”

In Favor (5) – Ingram, Kahuanui, Johnson, Oliver, Reeves

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

(Any person may address the Commission in regard to any matter over which the Commission has jurisdiction or of which it may take cognizance that is not on the agenda.)

None.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Review and Adjustment of Fees for Recreation and Parks – (Discussion/Action Item)

RSM Lillard provided the 2005 Fee Schedule and Surveys for the Recreation and Park Commission's review.

Ron Matthews, Alameda Little League, Alameda Babe Ruth, and Alameda High School representative stated that the groups he represents donate a lot of time and materials to help keep the fields that they use in good condition. Charging a per player charge may influence the Boards of the different organizations as far as how much they will be willing to donate. He commented that what extent will the Boards be willing to invest grant monies, if they are paying the per player charge. The Commission needs to keep their registration fees in mind.

Nino Borsoni, Alameda Soccer representative, stated that Alameda Soccer has invested over \$350,000 to date. Conceptually the group understands what is driving the fee, but feels that the Sports Advisory Committee needs more information and better research. Questions raised were: What is the operating budget? What are the groups bringing in? And, how does that offset the budget? A lot of the youth play multiple sports. Will they be charged multiple times for the different sports they are playing? Conceptually the group understands the fee and is not opposed to it, but want to make sure that there is equity consideration. They groups would like to see more research done before the fee is implemented.

Commissioner Reeves stated that between soccer groups represented by Mr. Borsoni and baseball teams represented by Mr. Matthews that is approximately 98 percent use of the fields. So assuming Mr. Reeves wanted to go out and play baseball with a group of friends, he would not be able to because the fields would be in use by these groups. These groups are the only ones using the fields and they need to be maintained. These fields are being maintained for these organizations. The Commission is open to alternatives. Your groups are using the fields and they need to be maintained. Fields are being maintained for their

use. Mr. Reeves would like to hear an alternative.

Mr. Borsoni stated that an alternative would be installing sports turf. He would like to see some long-term planning.

Mr. Matthews stated that the partnership that has been established is not on paper, but has significant monetary value especially in the maintenance part of the budget. The groups have supported a lot of the maintenance costs by volunteers, volunteer labor (e.g., fencing, etc.). If the grants that the groups provide were taken away, if there is even a \$10 per play charge, the Department would still be way behind in the money needed to pay for the budget.

Phil Woodward, Alameda Girls Softball representative, stated that he agreed with Mr. Borsoni and Mr. Matthews. It is understood that they are users of these facilities and the concern is that if these charges move forward they want to know that there is insurance that these fees are marked for maintenance and maintenance only.

Dave Johnson, Alameda Football Association representative, stated that he agrees with Mr. Borsoni, Mr. Matthews, and Mr. Woodward. Mr. Johnson stated that the fees from all groups would be approximately \$10,000 per year and asked if that is enough for the maintenance of the fields. If \$5 is not enough what is the plan. Director Ota stated that it is estimated that it would be approximately \$20,000. RSM Lillard stated that is based on the groups playing two seasons. A credit back could be an option depending on groups volunteering time and funds.

Jean Sweeney, Alameda resident, stated that in the future she would like to see a fee for overnight camping in a Beltline Park.

Chair Ingram stated that it seems that Alameda groups are doing much more with volunteers and providing donations to help maintain the fields than other cities and asked if that was the case. RSM Lillard stated yes, Alameda groups do much more than groups in other cities.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Alameda Football Association would like to donate \$2,500 toward the \$10,000 cost for maintenance. Commissioner Oliver asked if the group would be willing to provide volunteer help in addition to their donation. Mr. Johnson stated yes.

Chair Ingram suggested that this item be turned back over to the Sports Advisory Committee to get a consensus on the per player fee.

Commissioner Reeves stated that he is concerned about meeting the budget and suggested tabling this item for a month until alternatives can be reviewed.

M/S/C REEVES/OLIVER (approved)

“That the per player fee be tabled until alternatives are reviewed.”

Approved (5): Ingram, Kahuanui, Johnson, Oliver, Reeves

M/S/C REEVES/KAHUANUI (Approved)

That the 2005 fee increases listed below is approved:

BASKETBALL

Adult **\$610.00 Resident Team Fee**
\$660.00 Non-Resident Team Fee

SOFTBALL

Adult **\$620.00 Resident Team Fee**
\$670.00 Non-Resident Team Fee

FLAG FOOTBALL

Adult **\$598.00 Resident Team Fee**
\$615.00 Non-Resident Team Fee

SWIM LESSONS

\$ 5.00 each ½ hr. lesson - Resident
(\$50 for two-week session)
\$ 6.00 each ½ hr. Lesson - Non-Resident
(\$60 for two-week session)

SWIM TEAMS USE FEE

Hourly Rate: **\$5/hr./youth & adult (currently)**
\$11/hr./youth (beginning January 2006)
\$12/hr./adult (beginning January 2006)

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\$13/hr. adult (beginning January 2006)

TENNIS

Adult Group Lessons **\$ 11/hour**
Junior Group Lessons **\$ 11/hour**
Private Lessons **\$ 42/hour**

YOUTH

Day Camp **\$120/week – Hidden Cove**
\$135/week – Trails End
\$ 60/week – Hidden Cove Extended Care
\$ 50/week – Trails End Extended Care

Preschool **\$ 4/hour**

YOUTH SPORTS

Fall, Winter, Spring

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| - Football | \$ 75/Season (additional \$10 Non-Resident Fee) |
| - Basketball | \$ 65/Season (additional \$10 Non-Resident Fee) |
| - Soccer | \$ 60/Season (additional \$10 Non-Resident Fee) |

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Continued Discussion and Consideration of Request from Mayor and City Council to Develop a Park Use Policy – *(Discussion Item)*

RSM Lillard reviewed the draft proposal that was included in the Commission packet. Commissioner Johnson commented that the document was very well done and addressed the items that the Commission had identified. Commissioner Ingram stated that the document was good but added that he wanted to make sure that the finished product included wording similar to #4 in the City of Seattle example regarding recovery of associated costs. RSM Lillard agreed to incorporate the item and to bring the next revision back to the Commission in April.

B. Discussion and Selection of Joint Meeting Dates with City Council – *(Discussion/Action Item)*

RSM Lillard informed the Commission that the City Clerk's Office had contacted staff with regard to scheduling the Annual Joint Meeting with Council. It was originally proposed to meet on a Wednesday evening in March, but the Council is unable to attend any of those dates. The Clerk's office is now attempting to schedule a date in April.

C. Discussion of Annual Commission Goals, Objectives, and Accomplishments Including Park Master Plan – *(Discussion/Action Item)*

RSM Lillard reviewed the draft copy of the Commission Goals and Objectives with the Commission. After discussion the following items were included under Accomplishments and Goals:

Accomplishments

- Completion of the Marina Water Front Park
- Renaming of the former Officers' Club in honor of former Vice-Mayor Albert H. Dewitt
- Approval of the Public Art pieces for the Library Project
- Inclusion of the Water Station in the Drainage Project at the Dog Park
- Opened discussions for use of Alameda Point fields by local youth organizations
- Continue growth towards increasing cost recovery through introduction of new Programs

Goals

- Note that SB2404 related to equality for girls and women's sports.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See attached Activity Report.

B. Recreation Division

See attached Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See attached Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

1. Status Report on Northern Waterfront Committee (Commissioner Oliver)

The Northern Waterfront Committee has been disbanded.

2. Status Report on Alameda Point Golf Course Design Committee (Vice Chair Reeves)

No report at this time.

3. Status Report on Alameda Point Advisory Committee (APAC) (Chair Ingram)

Chair Ingram stated that on Thursday, March 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall there will be an Alameda Point Community Workshop. The presentation will focus on the four most frequently raised issues in the previous two workshops: historic preservation, transportation, Measure A, and financial feasibility.

4. Status Report on Transportation Master Plan Committee (Commissioner Johnson)

No report at this time.

8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

RSM Lillard stated that in the Fall 2004 staff completed preliminary work on drainage for the Dog Park. There is a second Phase which is a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to put in some extensive drainage. The project is in the design phase at this time. There is \$30,000 allocated for the drainage portion of the project.

Commissioner Johnson stated that there were some funds donated for agility equipment for the Dog Park. RSM Lillard stated that the agility equipment is custom built and is pending staff gathering information.

Harry Hartman expressed concern about having fresh water stations. RSM Lillard stated that fresh water stations are included in the drainage project. It is hoped that the project will be completed by the summer. Any communication that can be given to the Dog Park users would be helpful.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

11. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING Thursday, March 10, 2005

12. ADJOURNMENT 8:35 p.m.